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COVID CASE RATE IN ALLEGANY COUNTY SHOWS SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT

CUMBERLAND, MD – Since Friday, Allegany County has seen 21 new COVID cases, bringing the county’s cumulative case count to 6,369. Three additional deaths were recorded, bringing that total to 196. The current case rate in Allegany County dropped to just 7.3 cases per 100,000 population, less than half of the state average of 14.92 cases per 100,000 population. Allegany’s positivity rate is now at 2.99%, the lowest it has been since mid-October, while the statewide average is 4.17%.

The Allegany County Health Department reports that vaccination efforts in the county continue to exceed the statewide average despite limited vaccine supplies and uncooperative winter weather. Anticipated severe weather on Thursday (February 18) made it necessary to reschedule vaccination appointments. Those who had scheduled appointments on Thursday and on Friday morning will be contacted with a rescheduled appointment time.

To date, 8,808 Allegany County residents have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine with 3,173 people having received both doses. First doses have been received by 12.5% of the county population, while statewide 11.1% of the population has had at least their first dose of vaccine.

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